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Parbat has been declared as a notified area and houses are being constructed on it unauthorisedly;

(c) whether Government have stopped this unauthorised construction;

(d) whether Delhi Development Authority has made such constructions justified; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) DDA has reported that land measuring 872 bigha, 8 biswas in Chowki Mubarkabad has been notified under Sections 4 and 6 of land Acquisition Act, 1898. No award has been announced by the concerned Land Acquisition Collector due to litigation. Instructions have been issued to proceed against unauthorised construction, as per Rules/Acts.

Scheme for Permanent Residence for Ex-MPs in Delhi

†1701. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has formulated any scheme for providing permanent residence in Delhi for the Ex-Members of Parliament;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the details of the plan for providing permanent residence in Delhi to the Ex-Members of Parliament in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

Declaration of Ahmedabad as Mega City

1702. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation have demanded Ahmedabad to be declared as 'Mega City';

(b) whether the Union Minister of State for Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation has expressed opinion during his recent Ahmedabad visit that the demand is under consideration; and

(c) if so, by when Government are likely to take a final decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATARYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the visit of MOS (UD&PA) to Gujarat, a Memorandum was submitted by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation to the Minister in which one of the requests was inclusion of Ahmedabad in the Mega City Scheme. The proposal was considered and it was not found feasible on account of the fact that the population of Ahmedabad (Urban Agglomeration) was less than 4 million as per 1991 census as against the criterion of four million and above as per 1991 census for inclusion of cities under the Scheme.

Plan to create New Civic Culture in the Country

1703. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of **URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION** be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to create a new civic culture throughout the country and that there has been unanimous support from the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of his Ministry besides Mayors and the State Ministers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether in order to achieve the said objective Government intend to set-up a commission headed by a retired Supreme Court Judge to probe the butchering of civic laws at the cost of law abiding people; and

(d) if so, by when such a commission would be set up and start functioning?